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Field Crops

Almost three-quarters of the cotton harvest was complete last week, 4 percentage points ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. Nearly the entire cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on just over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep have been placed on various alfalfa fields across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, miscellaneous herbs, and parsley last week.

Last week western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cauliflower, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale, spinach and miscellaneous herbs and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and Romaine. Also shipped were lemons.

Range and Pasture

Warm and dry weather continued to diminish soil moisture and rangeland conditions last week. Forage has been described tinder dry. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	4	24	47	25
Range and Pasture	38	19	27	14	2
Cotton	0	2	23	59	16

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Harvested	73	65	69	73

Weather Summary

Temperatures were well above normal across the State for the week ending December 2, ranging from 6 degrees above normal at Buckeye, Parker and Payson to 12 degrees above normal at Prescott and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at

Coolidge. The lowest reading was 15 degrees at the Grand Canyon. No precipitation was recorded last week. All weather stations are below normal for the year. Thirteen of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
November 26, 2012 - December 2, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	58	8	79	39	0.00	3.83	-4.68	45
Buckeye	60	6	79	42	0.00	3.24	-3.51	48
Canyon De Chelly	42	7	61	17	0.00	3.95	-5.04	44
Coolidge	58	7	85	36	0.00	5.47	-1.09	83
Douglas	55	8	78	31	0.00	7.32	-5.14	59
Flagstaff	41	10	59	21	0.00	12.79	-7.83	62
Grand Canyon	39	10	61	15	0.00	8.22	-10.25	45
Kingman	56	10	74	36	0.00	7.19	-1.75	80
Maricopa	60	8	81	40	0.00	5.42	-0.77	88
Paloma	62	9	84	42	0.00	4.83	-0.41	92
Parker	59	6	81	36	0.00	2.42	-0.78	76
Payson	47	6	66	27	0.00	11.10	-8.93	55
Phoenix	67	11	84	54	0.00	3.41	-3.34	51
Prescott	51	12	68	34	0.00	9.03	-9.15	50
Roll	61	7	82	40	0.00	2.34	-0.40	85
Safford	54	8	76	31	0.00	8.17	-0.64	93
St. Johns	45	8	67	22	0.00	6.73	-3.96	63
Tucson	64	10	82	47	0.00	6.73	-4.29	61
Willcox	54	9	77	30	0.00	8.56	-3.16	73
Winslow	49	12	71	22	0.00	5.11	-2.33	69
Yuma	68	10	82	54	0.00	2.41	-0.33	88
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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